### AGRICULTURAL A Report on the Sugar Industry in

Mr. Henry Ling Roth has produced an exhaustive little work on the above subject. Sugar planting, by which at one time such vast fortunes were made in the West Indies, has always had a peculiar attraction for English capital, though the blow sustained by the industry in Jamaica and other prosperous islands in the Carribean Sea through the emancipation of the slaves gradually weaned the capitalist from looking to these fair lands for the remunerative investment of his wealth. While absentee planters were enjoying magnificent incomes f om their West Indian properties, it was only natural that those who witnessed the lavish munificence of their way of living should hunger after similar investments. When, therefore, the change effected by the emancipation of the laborers took place, and the negro was in the position to work indolence of a nature debased by long years of servitude, the losses inflicted upon and henceforth "a sugar plantation" ceased to have the opulent ring for British ears that had so long distinguished it as the most alluring of investments. Prosperous plantations slowly returned into the condition of primeval jungle, and sugar

stank in the nostrils of the British capitalist. Now, however, capital, always impatient of the small returns to be obtained in its limited home, looks once more a-field with a curious and speculative eye on the ap-Indian industry in its new habitat. It is the wont of this sbyest of insensate things to carefully sniff the breeze till a certain aroma of success is detected, when, as a rule, it discreetly puts forth antenne, and having satisfied itself of the suitability of the field it proposes to fatten on, without more ado makes the necessary leap. In our case Mr. Roth may be looked upon as the antennæ of this sensitive creature which Australia is so interested in luring to her pastures for definite acclimatisation. The continued progress of the sugar industry in Queensland prompted some capi-talists to commission Mr. Roth to visit the country for the purpose of investigating and reporting on this one of its important sources of wealth; and the report, which is now published in a handy book form,

shows how eminently judicious was the selection of this gentleman for such a pur-Mr. Roth commences with a description of the four sugar districts of Queenslandtheir soils and general characteristics; and of the national debt is held. compares their rainfall, as amongst themselves and with that of other sugar-produc-From the 70 tons made at Port Macquarie | before leaving for Tennessee. in 1827 to the 18,200 tons produced by Queensland's last crushing is a big advance, but what is it compared to the increase that says he hears on good authority that the may be expected in the next interval of the British proposal to enforce the decisions of same duration? That fifty-three years the Berlin Conference by armed measures ago sugar-making should have been demon- is coldly received by the Powers. Gerstrated as an industry suitable to Austra- many has declined to participate in such lia, and yet that the colonists should have intervention. plying the experience of other countries quis Tseng. under entirely novel conditions. The dustry had to battle with the difficulties their pay be not guaranteed. and trials inseparable from all new pursuits. It, nevertheless, continued to steadily pros- are additional details of the murder of Dr. per. Every year saw a largely increased area under crop, and by 1875 planters' of the assassins placed the muzzle of his hopes had risen high and fortune beckoned rifle close to Dr. Parsons's servant, fired and vastating blight brought ruin upon half their number, and shook confidence in the industry to an extent that required five years for thorough restoration. Mr. Roth does not admit that the so-called rust is a found after a few days. An American respecific disease, but simply an unhealthy siding at Ismet telegraphed the facts to the at an unseasonable time, and he believes them immediately to Heath, the American that the introduction of hardier varieties Consul-General. A squad of soldiers went of cane, which has been taking place ever since that disastrons year, renders any seened to shoot the whole tribe unless the rious destruction from this cause unlikely murderers were surrendered, whereupon in the future. In a chapter devoted to the the murderers were delivered to the authe future. In a campler devoted to the causes of failure of many planters, Mr. Roth gives evidence of having listened to the grievatices of many a victim of a too disproportionate overdraft. He arraigus money-lenders, the chief of whom are of London, Angust 24th.—A Times Geneva course the banks, as amongst the prime causes of the non-success of the unsuccess ful. Mr. Roth visits us at a time when the success of sugar growing is assured, and it is only natural that he should condemn the short sightedness of bank managers, who failed to detect the bright future, as the short sightedness of bank managers, who failed to detect the bright future, as the short sightedness of bank managers, who failed to detect the bright future, as having produced a monetary panic. But in days of prosperity it is difficult to realize the doubts and misgivings of a time of profound depression, and we are inclined to think the majority of colonial banks show as much enterprise as is compatible with a safe business. Mr. Roth, however, has little sympathy with a bank managers' ap-

factory at Mackay, which at present, as I have previously shown, is the most favorably situated district, or probably any district to the north of it, would return somewhat near 20 per cent on the capital invested, or about 5 to 10 per cent less than a large mill. Such a statement from a man evidently well qualified to give an opinion should prove a tempting inducement to the capitalists who have commissioned Mr. Roth to make these investigations.

## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF.

American. NEW YORK, August 24th. A Times Washington special says: Mrs. Emma Young, a great-granddaughter of Patrick Henry, is ill and penniless at her home in this city. A week ago Mrs Susan Henry, widow of Patrick Henry, a grandson of the great orator, died, leaving her daughter alone and ill, without money and apparently without friends.

NEW YORK, August 24th,-The Tammany newspaper organ, which should speak by authority, declares that the attempt to harmonize the conflicting interests in the ranks of the New York Democracy will to the extent that suited the ineradicable fail. John Kelly is supremely jealous, and as Faulkner, Chairman of the State Committee, draws his inspiration principally wealthy classes in England were enormous, from Grammercy Park, there does not appear to be a very good prospect of soothing the great Sachem's savage breast. Tilden's advice to the machine managers is to ignore Tammany altogether.

CINCINNATI, August 25th. - The deaf mutes of America are holding here to-day their first Convention. There is a fair attendance of deaf mutes from all parts of the United States and from Canada. The proceedings are all carried on by signs. WASHINGTON, August 25th .- A report from Havana that the French are in treaty with the Danes for the Islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John, is not credited in Administration quarters. During the Presidency of General Grant it became necessary to inform the Danish Government that any attempt to transfer its Colonial possessions in this hemisphere to any other European nation would be regarded as an unfriendly act and would be treated as such. It has been necessary since the present Administration came into power to reiterate the so-called Grant doctrine, and if necessary it will again be done. It is for this reason that the report is not credited in official circles.

The Treasury receipts average over one million dollars daily. The general opinion here among Government officials is that unless the debt is to be paid off at a rapid rate, Congress will be justified in making a arge reduction in the rate of taxation. Secretary Sherman favors paying the debt rapidly, and thus getting it out of the way and relieving the people from interest burthe Southern, Central, Mackay, and Card-dens. The new census will give reasonably well districts; describes the formation of accurate information as to where the bulk

Horace Maynard, ex-Minister to Turkey, in company with Postmaster-General Key, ing countries. For this last-named purpose visited the White House to-day to pay his very carefully prepared tables are given, respects to President Hayes. While there which show the Lower Herbert district to the President signed Maynard's commission be the wettest, with a mean annual rainfall as Postmaster-General and handed it to of 96.24in., Mackay coming next with 67 - him. Later in the day Maynard appeared 39in., then Beenleigh with 55.66in.; Mary-borough showing the smallest total of all—oath of office as Postmaster-General, and 50.13in. Then Mr. Roth devotes a chap- will enter upon his duties to-morrow. The ter to the tracing of the progress of the President to-day signed the commission of sugar industry in Queensland from the time | Judge D. M. Key to be District Judge for of Mr. Thomas Scott's early efforts under the Eastern District of Tennessee. He also the encouragement and patronage of Sir signed the commission of General Long-Thomas Brisbane in 1823, down to the last street as U. S. Minister to Turkey. Judge season terminating in March of this year. Key will remain in the city several days

European. LONDON, August 20th .- A correspondent

allowed the recollection of the experiment | St. Petersburg, August 23d .- A teleto lie dormant for thirty-five years, while gram from the Russian agent at Peking they tried ianumerable other crops that af- states that the pending local claims have forded a scanty living, is a curious exem-plification of the difficulty men find in ap-was liberated on the representation of Mar-

LONDON, August 23d .- A Standard's steamy cane-brakes and swarthy laborers Athens despatch says: Thirty Turkish of the older sugar-producing countries sug-gested no counterpart on our healthier con-tinent, and till 1862 no effort was made to test the capabilities of the Queensland soil They deserted from the Turkish service and climate for the production of this valu- because they were not paid. It is alleged able staple. Then of course the infant in- that whole battalions are ready to desert if

BUCHAREST, August 28d .- The following from the near future, when a wide and de- killed him instantly. Dr. Parsons then condition, due to a very unusual rainfall British Ambassador, who communicated

tle sympathy with a bank managers' apprehensions regarding his shareholders' motion adverse to the existence of the half-yearly dividends, and says their "way House of Lords to a division, and to prehalf-yearly dividends, and says their "way of transacting business greatly retards the introduction of further capital into the colony. Capitalists in England judge things by results, and when they see industries, supposed to be prosperous, receive andden checks, they ascribe the failure to unsoundness instead of to the unbusiness-like manner in which the Australian banks manage their affairs." Mr. Roth devotes a chapter to central factories, and examines the figures of our Philadelphian commissioner to prove that the Martinique factories only return 12½ per cent on the capital invested. Here, where interest on a bank over-draft is charged at 10 per cent. Mr. Both considers such figures hold out no industry, I believe that a central fagainst the votes which will be taken to night.

definitely abandoned the intention to ac-

quire and colonize the Samoan Islands. LONDON, August 27th .- The debate in the Commons, which began last night, continued until one o'clock this afternoon. Hartington repeatedly urged the Irish members to proceed to the consideration of the vote of supply, assuring them that they were much mistaken if they thought to structing the Government supply. Not- BUILDING MATERIALS ! wring pledges from the Government by obwithstanding this appeal, the discussion

was kept up.
In the House, this evening, the Marquis of Hartington, Secretary of State for India, said the Viceroy of India has under consideration the advisability of maintaining the frontier prescribed by the Treaty of Gundamuk. He also stated that be had received no confirmation of the alarming LATE Afghan news of this morning, relating to disquiet at Cabul. He had a telegram from the Viceroy, dated to-day, which makes no reference to that news.

Berlis, August 27th .- The Powers have ordered the men-of-war, detailed in advance for the demonstration in Turkish waters, to concentrate in the Adriatic. The Emperor William is now in excellent health, and, instead of declining,

appears to be gaining in strength and DUBLIN, August 27th .- The weather continues all that could be desired for the harvest. Brilliant sunshine has been the rule during the last three weeks. The greater portion of the grain is now cut, and half has already been cleared from the

BUCHAREST, August 27th .- The Roumanian politicians are somewhat excited over the alliance question. One faction led by Borescoe, Minister of Foreign Affairs, favors making common cause with Austria. Another party, under the leadership of Prince Gregory Stourdza, leans toward Russia as the only Power which has ever really befriended Roumania. A third party is opposed to all foreigh allies, desiring Roumania to become the Belgium of the East.

Ragusa, August 27th .- Riza Pasha assembled the Chiefs of the Albanian League, A FINE ASSORTM'T OF WALL PAPER at Scutari, on the 24th instant. As they refused to yield to his demand in regard to the cession of territory to Montenegro, he | NAILS, LOCKS, sought to detain them in arrest; but the inhabitants rescued them, and threatened Riza Pasha with death. The League has sent 600 men to Dulcigno. The inhabitants there threaten to burn the town rather than cede to Montenegro. There is great excitement in Scutari. PERA, August 27th .- The Porte has ad-

that Dulcigno will be immediately ceded. MADRID, August 27th .- An excited discussion is raging between the Opposition papers and the Ministerialist journals upon the title of the Queen's first-born. The Cabinet holds that Princesses can only royal prerogative, contrary to the opinion of the Opposition leaders and representatives of the Province of Asturias, who intend to lodge a protest if the Queen gives FOR SALE IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT birth to a daughter. The preparations for the coming event are complete. The diplo-

matic corps and Ministers and visitors are SIMLA, August 27th .- The Government have no information of defection among Abdurrahman's troops at Cabul. The mutiny among the troops of the Khan of ment of the 78th Highlanders has gone to Khelat to restore confidence. A Chaman correspondent says the mutineers have left

LONDON, August 27th .- Musarus Pasha, the Ottoman Ambassador at London, writes to the papers officially denying that the Porte is trying to excite Musselmen in India and Afghanistan through seditious publications.

A letter of General Primrose, received at Killa Abdullah, gives some particulars of the sortie from Candahar August 16th The British attacked the village of Dahkhwajee, and got through it; but, finding it FROM BOSTON strongly occupied and reinforced by contingents from neighboring villages, had to retire to the fortress. The enemy's loss

charges, cutting down many of the enemy. CONSTANTINOPLE, August 27th .- A coupcil of Ministers yesterday considered the last collective note from the Powers. They were of opinion that Turkey cannot com-mit an act of self-mutilation.

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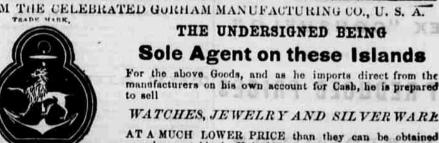
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